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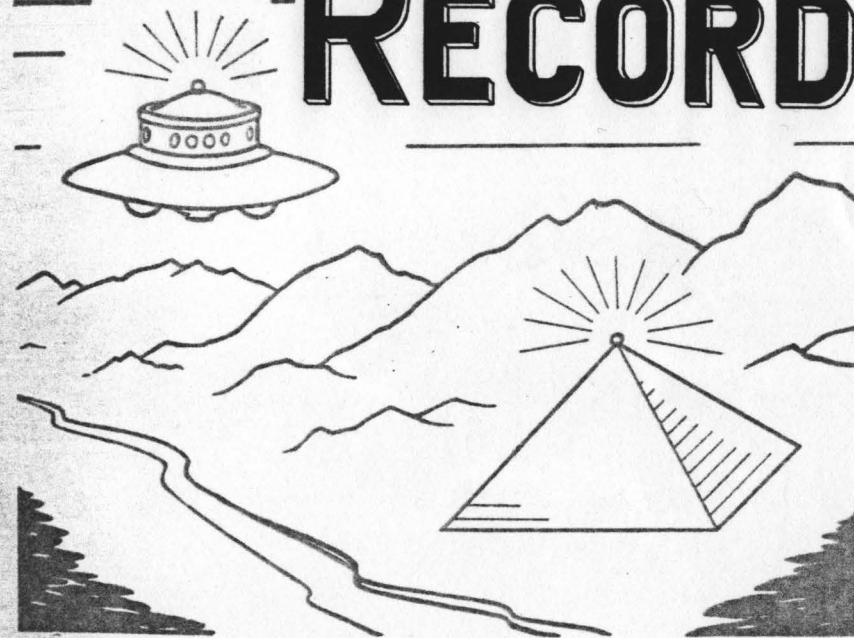
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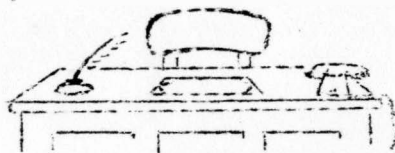
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E D I T O R I A L



V E N U S

The recent report that radio signals of some kind have been received from Venus will cause many people, untroubled by any speculations about flying saucers, to wonder if intelligent beings on that planet are trying to communicate with Earth.

Is there life on Venus? Astronomy can tell us remarkably little about our sister planet. We have a fair idea of its size and mass, and can compute its orbit accurately. Yet, of its surface we know precisely nothing by direct observation, because Venus is covered by a deep, cosy blanket of white cloud. It is probably in the upper layers of these clouds that the electrostatic discharges occur which cause the radio emissions.

Theories about the nature of the Venusian surface have been plentiful, and largely contradictory. Several have been based solely on spectrographic analysis of the upper cloud layers, and these, while perfectly sound in their basic reasoning, may very well be completely wrong.

in their conclusions because of insufficient data.

In an article titled "Our Neighbours in Space", V.A. Firsoff, M.A., F.R.A.S., writing in The Scots Magazine for December 1959, discusses the difficulty of drawing any reliable conclusions as to what lies under the cloud layer. He mentions that at times the clouds have thinned in patches, allowing a partial glimpse of what lies below. "A few astronomers", he says, "profess to have been able to map the surface of Venus from such glimpses, but their results command little confidence".

Though it is not possible to be sure that what is seen through the thinning of the cloud layer is actually surface detail, the thin patches themselves provide vague landmarks which can be used to gather some approximate information about the rotation of the planet.

"For several years past", writes Mr. Firsoff, "violet photographs of Venus were being taken in daylight Venus emerged from the survey striped like Jupiter, with three or four dark and bright belts. This indicated rapid rotation, certainly not over a few days, as otherwise the cloud bands would fail to form. But the period of rotation has not been determined yet.

"On the other hand, such bands are always parallel to the equator, and by comparing them with an artificially ruled globe the position of the equator of Venus has been found. It is inclined at about 32 degrees to the plane of the orbit."

These assumptions may safely be assumed to be accurate, since they are based on direct observation. They suggest that the length of the Venusian day may be similar to that of ours.

When it comes to deciding the nature of the Venusian atmosphere, the outlook is as foggy as the atmosphere itself. Since we cannot penetrate, optically speaking, far into the cloud layer, our spectrographic measurements indicate only the nature of the upper surface of the blanket. These measurements indicate the presence of carbon dioxide, and not much else. It has been suggested that since oxygen is lighter than carbon dioxide, it should rise above the latter and therefore be present in

detectable quantities in the upper layers. Absence of oxygen from these layers, says one school of thought, proves that this gas does not exist on Venus, at least in significant quantity.

If this theory is correct, our earthly forms of animal and plant life must be absent too, since they require oxygen in order to exist. But an interesting counter theory has been put forward by Mr. Firsoff in his article which is worthy of more than passing notice.

"A possible solution of the dilemma", he writes, "has been proposed by the present writer. It lies in the peculiar properties of carbon dioxide and oxygen respectively with regard to heat and magnetism. Oxygen is the most magnetic of all the gases, and if Venus were a strongly magnetic body it might be drawn under the clouds, while carbon dioxide would experience a slight force of repulsion. However, even in the absence of a sufficiently powerful magnetic field a similar effect could be produced by heat distribution alone.

"Carbon dioxide energetically absorbs heat rays and thus becomes hotter than the other gases, so that it will rise above the oxygen if the difference in temperature of the two gases is sufficient.

"Without developing this idea in detail, it may be said that an atmospheric condition could result where oxygen was permanently locked below a high-level cloud veil. If this explanation is correct the lower atmosphere will be very much like our own air in composition, which means that in the moderate, even cool, temperatures on the surface of the planet, oxygen-breathing creatures and plants similar to ours could easily exist."

While the complete story may not be as simple as this, Mr. Firsoff's theory may very well be essentially correct. It also helps to explain the probable surface temperature of Venus. Previous theories have suggested that the temperature is well above the boiling point of water, owing to the so-called "glasshouse effect". However this cannot be entirely reconciled with the fact that the clouds reflect a great deal of light, and therefore must also reflect a large percentage of the heat

from the sun and so give the planet a much lower surface temperature than would otherwise be the case.

So perhaps Tennyson was more accurate than he knew when, in "Locksley Hall", he spoke of Venus as
"..... smiling downward at this earthlier earth of ours,
Closer on the Sun, perhaps a world of never fading flowers.

Hesper, whom the poet call'd the Bringer home of all good things,
All good things may move in Hesper, perfect peoples, perfect kings.

Hesper - Venus - were we native to that splendour or in
Mars,
We should see the Globe we groan in, fairest of their
covering stars.

Could we dream of wars and carnage, craft and madness,
lust and spite,
Roaring London, raving Paris, in that point of peaceful
light?

Might we not in glancing heavenward on a star so silver-fair,
 Yearn, and clasp the hands, and murmur, "Would to God
 that we were there?"

- P.D.T.

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LIGHT-BEAM COMMUNICATION

At the March General Meeting of the Society in Adelaide, a demonstration was given by the Hon. Secretary of light-beam communication equipment. A crystal microphone fed a small amplifier, which was used to modulate the intensity of light from a 20-watt fluorescent tube. This modulated light was picked up by a photo-electric cell mounted a few yards away, and the variations in current produced in the cell were fed to another amplifier, which in turn drove a loudspeaker to reproduce the voice speaking into the microphone.

To show that the only connection between the microphone and the loudspeaker was by means of the light beam, a piece of cardboard was held in front of, and a few inches away from, the photo cell, when the sound immediately ceased.

A small neon lamp and a 15-watt filament lamp were also used in turn in the transmitter, in place of the fluorescent tube, and it was shown that these would also work; but their light output was much less, giving a weaker signal.

To show that the system was not limited to the transmission of speech, recorded music was played over the light-beam link; and also morse code from an audio oscillator controlled by an ordinary key.

It was pointed out that if a space craft should come close enough to establish communication, the modulated light-beam transmitter was the ideal medium for such communication. The equipment was easily built, and could be made portable if necessary. Unlike radio, the system needed no operating licence, and it was virtually hack-proof since no one could "eavesdrop" unless he was in the path of the beam, and then only if he had a suitable pho-

to cell receiver, which few people normally carried around with them.

LECTURE BY GEORGE H. WILLIAMSON

A tape-recorded lecture by George H. Williamson, one of the witnesses to the Adamski landing and a prominent saucer researcher, was played at the April General Meeting. Mr. Williamson described some of his own experiences, as told in "The Saucers Speak!", particularly dealing with his radio experiments and contacts.

Mr. Williamson is an excellent and fluent speaker, and his address was extremely interesting. Unfortunately, it was marred by the atrocious quality of the tape recording, which, like all of the numerous saucer tapes which the Society has received from the U.S.A., directly or indirectly, was far below the standard generally regarded as acceptable in Australia and New Zealand. By comparison, a short excerpt from a recording by Mr. H. Fulton of N.Z., which was also played at this meeting, was crystal-clear in spite of having been "dubbed" at least once, on inferior equipment.

MAJOR KEYHOE'S ADDRESS

The Society is indebted to Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York for the text of a lecture by Major D. Keyhoe, entitled "The F.S. Blackout", given on 9th. December, 1955 at the St. Nicholas Arena Ballroom in New York. The text of this lecture was read to members and friends at the May meeting in Adelaide, and made fascinating listening.

Also by courtesy of C.S.I., a summary of an address given by Mr. M.K. Jessup, author of "The Case for the U.F.O.", was read at the meeting. This address was originally given by Mr. Jessup in the Steinway Hall, New York, on 28th. October, 1955, when he was the guest speaker at a C.S.I. meeting.

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o THE VISIONS AT FATIMA AND THE FLYING SAUCERS o
o by F. Stone o
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In answer to the many requests I feel compelled to express my own personal views in the following account of the remarkable similarity of the story of the incident at Fatima, and its relationship to the descriptions given by many eye witnesses, of Flying Saucers all over the world. I believe that my readers, like me, will be struck by some amazing parallels in both accounts of the objects seen: as well as the relationship of the warning messages given to the child Lucia, and those given to many who claim to have had, from space visitors, messages relating to coming world events, some of a warning nature to this earth.

I must say at the outset that I am not a Roman Catholic, and must admit that previous to my study of the saucers, I was an ardent scoffer at the story of Fatima. I must humbly admit that when the account was given to me and the similarity pointed out, I was amazed at the strong resemblance of the official descriptions given, to those of Flying Saucers.

I am greatly indebted to a prelate of the Catholic Church in loaning me the book "More About Fatima" by the Rev. Montes de Oca, C.S. Sp., from which book I have freely quoted, being one of the most informative accounts of the incident which I have read to date.

I would not dare to place any interpretation on the remarkable story, but am convinced so strongly that it is tied up with the coming of these space craft, and coming world events, that I cannot but urge every serious student of the U.F.O. to make a serious comparison by reading the many books available dealing authentically with it.

Finally I am positive without doubt from personal experience and revelations given to me, that the as yet

untold secret parts of the message Lucia received, are but a part of that which is known to many of us of the coming tragedies soon to fall upon the earth, which also was revealed in the footprints of the Venusian, who came to Adamshi, and from which there is only one hope of Salvation, and that lies in the spiritual turn to God through the Redeemer of the world: The Christ, The Son of God.

I therefore place these quotations with my readers and ask them to make a serious comparison with these sightings so well known to all serious students of the Flying Saucer subject, and assess for themselves the value of the evidence given.

It is not so well known, but the children received an angelic visitor some time before the visit of the Lady and here is a brief account of some of the events at this earlier visit by him early in spring 1916.

"A violent gust of wind made them raise their heads and they saw take shape in the air and come towards them, a beautiful white cloud in human form, resembling a statue in snow, which the sun made transparent like crystal. As the figure approached, the children saw a young man of 14 to 16 years, and of superhuman beauty.

"Fear not" he said, "I am the Angel of Peace, pray with me," then kneeling and placing his forehead on the ground, three times he repeated, "My God, I believe, I adore, I love You, I ask pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You."

Then rising he said, "Pray thus," and later in July or August when he visited them again he announced that he was their country's Guardian Angel.

From this we go to the second apparition the children had of the Lady, on June 13th. 1917, when the account says "the light of the sun dimmed in an exceptional manner.... the topmost branches of the tree bent in the form of a parasol.... The voice was as of a loud humming of bees." At the end of the conversation there was a loud report and Lucia said "She is going away." From the tree a beautiful white cloud moved to the east which they followed distinctly for a while.

At the departure the upper branches of the tree, without losing the shape of a parasol, leaned to the east and remained so for hours, slowly resuming their normal position.

The third event was on July 13th., 1917. Again the sun lost its brilliance, but the atmosphere assumed a curious yellow tinge and at the same time a beautiful white cloud enveloped the tree, and again a loud explosion occurred at the departure.

On August 14th. was the fourth or frustrated visit. A loud explosion at the tree was followed by a flash of lightning; the sun lost its brilliance, while the atmosphere showed a great array of colours, and finally a white cloud appeared above the tree and then disappeared from vision.

At the fifth visit on September 13th., the sun lost so much of its brilliance that the stars were visible; the atmosphere was golden yellow. A priest who was present records that the light was like a globe advancing from east to west and says, "To us was granted the grace of seeing THE VEHICLE" (capitals mine) "that carried her". This was followed by the light cloud above the tree and a shower of flowers which vanished without touching the earth, and the globe returned as it came.

(Note here the reference to the globe and the vehicle which clearly shows that the visitant was carried in some form of aircraft.)

The great day of the Miracle was October 13th., 1917. Lucia exclaimed "There is the lightning", and the light white cloud again made its appearance. It was like the smoke of incense rising from the tree to a height of fifteen feet and dispersing; this phenomenon occurred three times. The Lady opened her hands and beams of light proceeded towards the sun. The three children saw three members of the Holy Family; the Virgin, St. Joseph, and the babe Jesus. These changed to the Divine Lord on the right as a full grown man, and The Lady of Sorrows on the left; and finally The Lady of Mt. Carmel.

It must be remembered that the day was heady with clouds and much rain had fallen so that the thousands

present were quite wet. The sun was hidden in the clouds which opened wide and showed an immense surface of blue; the sun appeared at the zenith in a strange aspect: though not veiled by the clouds, yet one could look at it direct. Suddenly it trembled, and was shaken; it made some abrupt movements and finally began to turn giddily on itself, LIKE A WHEEL OF FIRE, casting in all directions, like an enormous lamp, giant beams of light which were in turn green, red, blue, and violet, colouring in a fantastic way the clouds, trees, rocks, earth and faces and bodies of the people, as far as the eye could see. It was while this was happening that the children saw the vision described above. This lasted for about four minutes and a moment later resumed for a second time the dance of light and colour; after a few minutes it stopped, and again after a pause the act resumed in a more colourful way.

The whole of this incident was seen for a radius of 25 miles as recorded by witnesses. This was followed by a terrible fall of the sun, which was the culminating miracle. It left its place in the firmament and falling from side to side, plunged zig-zagging upon the crowd below, sending out intense heat. Finally stopping short its fall, it climbed back into its place, zig-zagging as before, and regained its usual brilliance.

The Bishop of Liera in 1930 said this was not seen by any observatory, and therefore was not of a material order. (This proves that it was not the sun as was thought, but that it was some phenomenon like the sun; and coupled with further evidence, it will be seen that the globe was identical with saucer observations of today.) A priest who observed it at a school six or seven miles away, said "It looked like a ball of snow turning on itself..... became detached from the sky and rolled right and left, as if falling to earth". The newspaper "O Seculo" quoted: "The sun resembled a dull silver plate, it does not warm, it does not dazzle, it trembles, makes abrupt movements outside all cosmic law, begins to dance".

Dr. Almada Garrate, of the University of Coimbra, writes, "I saw it like a well defined disc, bright but not blinding; people around me referred to it as like a

silver plate, but its appearance was of sharp clarity, changing like the 'orient' of a pearl. You might compare it to a polished wheel out in silvery valves of a shell".

Thus we have eye-witnesses of the event whose stories read like accounts of space craft of today.

Among the prophetic utterances of the Lady were these: "When you see the night illuminated by an unknown light, then that is the great sign which God is giving to you indicating that the world, on account of its innumerable crimes, will soon be punished by war, famine and persecutions against the Church and the Holy Father....."

"If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; otherwise many will be martyred. The Holy Father will have much to suffer, AND SEVERAL NATIONS WILL BE WIPE OUT". (Capitals mine.)

Commenting on this the writer of the book says, "Nevertheless even if society were to come to a period of disorganisation and chaos, we must never give way to despair. Though a portion of the secret remains hidden it is possible to trace the connection of events. Men stupidly deify the flesh and coldly refuse to recognise Jesus Christ and the Church, God and His Laws.

"As in Noah's time, man's malice cried to Heaven for vengeance and brought about the deluge, so the sins of the modern world have finally provoked the Divine Justice which has decided to drown the wicked world in a deluge of fire and blood....."

He adds later, "There are reticences in the official documents and the competent authorities still observe great reserve in the publication so as not to terrify our weak nature, so gloomy is the perspective of the chastisement predicted".

I have placed the evidence before you and I would greatly appreciate it if anyone, after earnestly studying it, would care to let me know if they think there are grounds for making such comparisons.

I have not intended to offend anyone; if my comparisons are odious, I regret this, but my motive is an earnest search for the truth.

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Whatever may be said about Gray Barker's new book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", it is not dull. It must be the most wildly sensational book about F.S. ever published. Its effect on normally deadpan journalists has been galvanic, judging by the wild-eyed news items which have appeared in the press since it was published. If ever a book lent itself to misconstruction and misquotation by deadline-happy feature writers, this is it.

The ordinary person can be pardoned if he gets the impression that the earth is about to be overwhelmed by stinking Martian monsters or by ghouls from the depths of the earth. The outsider may easily believe that the average saucer researcher is regularly threatened by mysterious men in dark suits, who tell him secrets so fearful that the very thought makes him ill for days.

Maybe Gray Barker didn't say just that. But the conclusions which have already been drawn from the book are staggering.

For instance, a double-column heading in the Sydney "Sun" dated 2nd. May, 1956, reads "Author Takes A Spin". Nothing startling there. The story opens: "Chief investigator for the International Flying Saucer Bureau Gray Barker believes the U.S. has been operating a base on the moon for about seven years".

Well, all right. He can believe that if he wants to. No law against it, as far as we know. But the next few paragraphs bring the Australian saucerer up on his feet, gasping for air.

"He has just published a book, They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers. In it he intimates that investigators in many parts of the world, including Australia

and New Zealand, have been silenced. They had pressed their inquiries into the flying saucer mystery too closely. He even infers that in some cases pressure on the investigators has been applied from other worlds..... Barker also asserts that Edgar R. Jarrold, founder of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau (which later changed its name to the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society) received several visits from a stranger. The stranger indicated the reason 'extra-terrestrial visitors' would not land close to Sydney or any other large city was for fear they would be murdered out of hand. Subsequently Jarrold apparently dissociated himself completely from the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society."

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT!

What may have happened in other countries, the A.F.S.R.S. is not in a position to confirm or deny. But the Society can speak with authority about events in Australia, and a letter was immediately dispatched to the Editor of the "Sun" to straighten out the record. Here, in part, is the text of this letter:

"I would like to correct some inaccuracies in this news item, particularly those which reflect on the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.....

"(1) Gray Barker is not now the Chief Investigator for the International Flying Saucer Bureau, since this organization closed down and wound up its affairs about three years ago.

"(2) NO FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATOR IN AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN SILENCED BY GOVERNMENT ACTION OR BY ANY OTHER CAUSE; nor does Gray Barker assert that they have.

"(3) The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau did not change its name to Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.....

"(4) Mr. Edgar Jarrold was never a member of the A.F.S.R.S., nor did he ever have anything to do with this Society

"(5) The story of the 'Stranger' who visited Edgar Jarrold has been highly coloured by repetition. THE

'STRANGER' IS A GENTLEMAN WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO US AND TO JARROLD.

"Now let me enlarge on these points: (1) The IFSB was disbanded about three years ago by its Director, Mr. Albert K. Bender, who subsequently married and retired from saucer research. Gray Barker, a friend of Mr. Bender, was connected with the IFSB; after it was disbanded, Mr. Barker began investigating on his own..... It has been suggested that the IFSB was closed down by the U.S. Government, but there is not the slightest shadow of evidence to support this sensational idea, and Gray Barker himself has said: 'I never have been able to believe this'.

FORMATION OF A.F.S.R.S.

"Regarding points (2) and (3), no flying saucer investigator in Australia has been silenced or forced to cease his activities. The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau was formed in Sydney by Mr. Edgar Jarrold in 1951. Mr. Fred Stone, who had formed the Australian Flying Saucer Club in Adelaide, offered to affiliate with the A.F.S.B. and accepted the position of South Australian Branch President. However, as he got no satisfactory co-operation from Edgar Jarrold and was making no progress, he broke his connection with Jarrold and formed the A.F.S.R.S. with its headquarters in Adelaide.

"Originally it was intended that the A.F.S.R.S. should be affiliated with the A.F.S.B. for mutual co-operation, but this co-operation never materialised.

"Meanwhile the domestic organization of the A.F.S.B. deteriorated until in mid-1955, the committee demanded of Jarrold that unless he could straighten out the affairs of the Bureau, he should disband it. Jarrold agreed to disband the Bureau, and Mr. Andrew Tomas, who had been the A.F.S.B.'s chief observer in Sydney, contacted Mr. Fred Stone and agreed to form a N.S.W. Branch of the A.F.S.R.S., with a nucleus of former members of the A.F.S.B. THIS IS THE TRUE PICTURE OF THE FATE OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER BUREAU, AND I HOPE IT WILL DISPEL THE 'MYSTERY' WHICH HAS SURROUNDED THIS ORGANIZATION.

GRAY BARKER'S VERSION

"To further clear the air, may I quote from Gray Barker's book: 'My next word about Jarrold came in a letter of April 20th., 1955, written by Fred Stone..... Stone explained that for the past nine months Jarrold had made no reply to communications or response to "even the most urgent matters". The rumour was going about Australia that Jarrold had been closed by the Government, but this seemed odd to Stone, who explained he had received very helpful and courteous treatment from officials. He had directed communications to Jarrold, asking him point blank if he was closed by security, but these letters, like all the rest, were not answered.....

"In late 1955 I received a further communication from Stone..... His investigations into Jarrold's exit, he said, were now more complete, after a long trip to Sydney to interview some of the former's close associates. He had established one thing as a definite fact: JARROLD HAD NOT BEEN CLOSED DOWN BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.' (Capitals ours.-Ed.)

"Now coming to point (4), Edgar Jarrold has never been associated with the A.F.S.R.S., though he was originally invited to co-operate with this Society when it was first formed. Thus he cannot be said to have 'dissociated himself completely from' the A.F.S.R.S. If anything, it would have been more correct to say that the A.F.S.R.S. dissociated itself from him.

THE "MYSTERIOUS STRANGER"

"And, finally, point (5): The ridiculous story about the 'mysterious stranger' who visited Edgar Jarrold apparently originated from Jarrold himself, and the story has become garbled by repetition. We asked Mr. Andrew Tomas, Jarrold's closest associate, to comment on this, and he replied: 'I could take this story piece by piece and discredit it by my knowledge of Edgar Jarrold and his background. Don't you know that the "Mysterious Visitor" of which Jarrold wrote to Gray Barker was none other than

our mutual friend A-----, who himself laughed at the query about him coming from Gray Barker'.

"Mr. A----- is interested in flying saucers and has some unusual theories concerning them. It appears that he visited Jarrold and discussed these theories with him.

"Regarding the suggestion that the A.F.S.B. had been closed by the Government for security reasons, which was actually reported in an English newspaper, this society has always had the most pleasant relations with the Security Department, and co-operates actively with them. Security officials assured Mr. Fred Stone that they had at no time attempted to close the A.F.S.B. or interfere with its organization. Further investigation revealed that the story that the A.F.S.B. was closed on security grounds originated from Edgar Jarrold himself.

"An even wilder rumour, that a saucer had landed in the road outside Jarrold's house and that its occupants had forced him to destroy his printing press (which he does not possess) and disband his organization, is, I am happy to say, even less substantial. The origin of this rumour cannot be traced, but it has been widely circulated.....

"We shall be glad to place any of the relevant information before any Press representative to substantiate the facts I have given in this letter.

"Yours, etc."

BLACK SUITS WHITEWASHED

The foregoing excerpts are lengthy - very lengthy - and purposely so. We feel that the truth of these matters needs to be widely distributed, and the only way to do this without the possibility of ambiguity and doubt is to place all the relevant facts before the saucer world so that the record will be straight and clear for all time. Then, with a sigh of relief, we can close the file, and concentrate on the work for which the Society was formed.

But what about the men in black suits? They first

appeared on the scene, glancing furtively over their shoulders, in the Maury Island case. Here, they had the ability to see and hear through solid walls, among other things. Since then, with slight variations in the exact shade of their sombre attire, they have made several other appearances, using telephones at times to accomplish their evil purposes.

In his excellent book, "Report on U.F.O.'s", Captain Ed. Ruppelt has given a most convincing exposition of the Maury Island case as a complete hoax. Since he was in a position to know the basic facts, it seems reasonable that this is the true version. If this case, the vanguard of the legions of Men In Black Suits can be consigned to the same trash can that (presumably) now houses the Piltdown Skull.

And then it behoves every sincere saucer researcher to take a long, calm thoughtful look at the evidence for the existence of all the other Mysterious Strangers.

Why aren't there any of them in Australia? That's easily answered. The Australian Department of Immigration is extremely efficient.

-P.D.T.

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o o o o o o o o o o Aimé Michel's "L'ours sur les
o Soucoupes Volantes" ("Light on the
o BOOK NEWS Flying Saucers") has been published
o in the U.S.A. In an English translation
o o o o o o o o o o by Criterion Books. Priced at
 \$3.95, it is titled "The Truth About
Flying Saucers" and has been well received. A British edition was reported to be in preparation by Robert Hale Ltd., but no publication date has been announced at the time of going to press..... The title of H.T. Wilkins's new book was announced in our pages as "Will the Space Ships Land?" but this book has now appeared in Adelaide bookshops in a British edition by Arco titled dramatically, "F.S. Uncensored"..... Ed. Ruppelt's "Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", now published in England by

Victor Gollancz, has sold well in Adelaide, the first shipment being cleared out in a few weeks. It has been very favourably reviewed by the Australian Broadcasting Commission in addition to press reviews..... Gray Barker has made the saucer investigation world hum like a hornet's nest with his "They Know Too Much About F.S."..... "F.S. Come From Another World", the English translation of Jimmy Guieu's book, is now on sale..... The British edition of Adamski's "Inside the Space Ships" has been delayed so often that its appearance will be something of an anti-climax. Its publication date by Arco and Neville Spearman has now been set for June..... There is still no British edition of Donald Keyhoe's "F.S. Conspiracy" in prospect. Published in the U.S.A. in December 1955, the American edition sold like hot cakes.

PUBLICATION RECEIVED

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the following publications:

"Flying Saucer Review"- Editor, Derek D. Dempster.

Bi-monthly Journal of Space.

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INTERNATIONAL FLYING SAUCER SIGHTING DAYS

"T.S. Review" Introduces Organized Sighting

The editorial staff of the excellent British saucer magazine, "Flying Saucer Review", are to be congratulated for inaugurating the first International Flying Saucer Sighting Days. In a letter to the "Record" Derek D. Dempster, Editor of "F.S. Review", writes:

"Flying Saucer Review have selected June 30 and September 8th as International Flying Saucer Sighting Days for 1956, in an attempt to get the maximum number of people all over the world looking out for U.F.O.'s at the same time so that any seen can be timed and tracked across the world. The purpose of doing this in 1956 is twofold: to stimulate interest in U.F.O.'s before they are identified as the artificial satellites we shall be seeing in 1957, and to pave the way towards co-operation with scientific groups during the International Geophysical year.

"We have suggested that saucer sighting parties keeping watch on these two days report their findings back to their local groups, i.e. time of sighting, locality, direction of travel, description, etc., so that all the information can be classified and correlated on a nationwide and worldwide basis. Where no local groups exist, the nearest organisation or even ourselves should be informed of the results."

As will be seen in "Press Digest" in this issue of the "Record", the South Australian Press has given advance publicity to this venture. Members of the A.F.S.R.S. and the general public have been asked to co-operate by reporting to the Society any unidentified objects seen in the sky on these days. A full report will appear in the next issue of the "Record".

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 o A BRITISH NAVAL SIGHTING o
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 Here is a remarkable story published in the "Speyerer Tagespost", dated 8th. Nov. 1954, & translated by the A.S.R.

Three British submarines returned to Plymouth after manoeuvres held off the coast of Bristol. The Commander, Captain Chelwan, reported to his Admiral that he had seen "Flying Saucers" floating on the sea approximately 11 nautical miles south of Lundy Island. He was able to take two photographs showing the objects. The research organisation for U.F.O.'s formed about a year ago in London and attached to the High Command (Oberkommando) confiscated the films by the Admiral's request and decided that they will be studied, evaluated and released for publication at a later date. In the meantime, Captain Chelwan has been ordered to treat his encounter with the U.F.O.'s as a military secret and to instruct his officers and men accordingly.

Before this order was imposed, however, a newspaper man obtained a five-minute interview with Captain Chelwan. Here is the Captain's story:

"We surfaced near Lundy Island, and on opening the hatch my engineer and I noticed, about a mile south west, two silvery discs floating on the sea. As the sun was shining on the ripples I thought at first that it was a light reflection, but presently we both heard a buzzing sound. We quickly grabbed our binoculars and examined the objects. They were shaped like a disc slightly elevated in the middle, and had no windows, portholes or other apertures. The elevated middle portion was stationary, but the flat outside portion, surrounding the middle portion like a collar, rotated slowly on the water.

"We thought the objects measured approximately 100 feet across; the middle portion appeared to be not bigger than one-tenth of the whole disc. The outer portion, surrounding the centre piece, appeared not to be attached to it, as there was a gap between them measuring about two feet."

"I must say we were very much surprised at the sight of these objects, and officers and men crowded the deck staring as if they were hypnotised. As the whole 'show' took only about 80 seconds it was impossible to form a sober judgment. Their origin seems to be a puzzle; technically they seem far above anything we know. Obviously we all thought immediately that they were flying saucers. I intended to give an order to go at them full steam and if possible get alongside them, but the buzzing sound became higher and more urgent until the pitch was so high that it could not be heard any longer. The two discs mounted horizontally, turned sideways at about 300 feet and disappeared in twenty seconds at a speed which I estimate to have been about 2,000 m.p.h., from the vision of our binoculars. At the same time a reddish glow surrounded the objects."

The British Admiralty declared that the sighting is to be treated seriously and the evaluation of it will take some time.

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N.S.W. BRANCH: MR. A.P. TOMAS GOES OVERSEAS

Mr. A.P. Tomas, who undertook the organisation of the New South Wales Branch of the A.F.S.R.S. last year and has been serving in the capacity of Hon. President of the Branch, has departed from Australia on six months' leave of absence overseas. All Members wish him well in his travels, and the Society expresses its thanks to him for his work in putting the N.S.W. Branch on its feet.

Mr. Tomas has a long history of saucer work in Australia, as he was formerly the official Sydney Observer of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. When the Bureau closed down last year, he joined forces with the A.F.S.R.S., which already had some members in N.S.W.; and, with some of the former members of the A.F.S.B., the new Branch was formed, and it has prospered ever since.

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-----"News" (Adelaide), 25th. April 1956: A news item dated "Hollywood, Tuesday", under the headline "SAUCERS? WELL, THEY FLY..." reads: Films of "unidentified flying objects", which had been

withheld under a "top secret" classification, by the U.S. Air Force, were made public today in a documentary film produced for public viewing. The documentary purports to show what some persons have identified as "flying saucers". The picture combines films turned over to the Air Force as long ago as 1950, together with accounts of those who took them. The 1950 film was taken in Montana by Mr. Nicholas Mariana, general manager of a baseball club. Another film was taken by Mr. Delbert Newhouse, a U.S. Navy photographer, over Utah.

The Montana film shows two white saucer-like objects moving in a horizontal line across the sky. The Utah film shows a formation of the "saucers" moving in various directions. The film merely states that the source of the objects is "unknown". Observers felt that the Montana film could not have been faked, but thought that at least part of the Utah film might have been caused by light reflection. The film also included shots of unidentified objects picked up on radar screens in Washington (D.C.) on the night of July 29, 1952. At the time these were purported to have been caused by temperature inversions, but the film hints that that answer does not cover "the true details".

-----"Sunday Mail" (Adelaide), 5th. May 1956: A group of Adelaide people are trying to get in touch with visitors from outer space..... The group is the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society. The President, Mr. Fred Stone, of Kilburn, said..... with the help of a skilled radio technician he tried to obtain contact with the space-beings over Easter, but no positive results were obtained. According to Mr. Stone flying saucers are manned by superior beings who could have destroyed us long ago had they desired.

-----"News" (Adelaide), 4th. June 1956: Featured in a six inch, column-width "box" with the heading, "WATCH OUT FOR SPACE SHIPS", is this item: Adelaide flying saucer fans will be watching on the two dates which have been set as sighting days by a research society in England. Mr. Peter Thomas, secretary of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, said everyone should be on the alert on the two chosen days, June 30 and September 8. "I am not sure we will get any positive results, but we are certainly going to be ready for any heading by citizens who declare they met 'little green men from Mars'," he said. The international sighting days have been arranged in an effort to prove conclusively the existence of flying saucers and spaceships.

-----"News" (Adelaide), 5th. June 1956: What do you think of flying saucers - the use of atomic energy for road transport - atomic weapon tests - space travel? These are the sort of questions any schoolboy would like to fire at an eminent scientist. About 160 leaving honours students at Adelaide Boys' High School had that chance today. Visiting scientist Sir Charles Darwin addressed the school assembly, then held an informal question session with the senior boys. This is how it went:

Q. - What are the possibilities of space travel?

A. - I think interplanetary travel will be possible eventually, but there won't be weekend trips to the moon. The first space travellers probably won't return, either.

Q. - What do you think is the explanation of flying saucers?

A. - The human imagination is a very wonderful thing.

-----"Advertiser" (Adelaide), 7th June 1956: An Adelaide man has invented a flying saucer trap. He is Mr. Keith Cartwright, a member of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, and plans have been made for counterparts of his invention to be used by spotters who will be listening for flying saucers all over Australia later this

month. Mr. Cartwright's invention is a detector, devised from a doorbell, a magnetic compass needle and a headlamp battery. He described the detector yesterday. The compass needle is connected with an electrical circuit. When the needle is deflected from magnetic north by "unidentified flying objects", it completes the circuit and rings the doorbell. The spotter then rushes into his garden and looks skywards for the flying saucer. Several SA members of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society have copied the invention and details about it have been sent to branches throughout Australia. The detectors will be used on June 30 and September 8 - International "Sighting Days" when a world watch will be kept for flying saucers.

-----"News" (Adelaide), 7th. June 1956: A photograph, 5" x 4", of Mr. K. Cartwright adjusting the latest model of his saucer detector, heads the following item: The instrument is made from a doorbell, a magnetic compass needle, and a battery. The bell rings when the needle is deflected from magnetic north by "unidentified" flying objects. - SOME WILL LISTEN..... A beam machine, recently made by an Adelaide flying saucer enthusiast, will be used in an effort to converse with "space-men". This will be on June 30 and September 8 - international "sighting days". According to the secretary of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, Mr. Peter Thomas, the machine will be able to "fool" any hoaxers. "The operator speaks into a receiver which converts the sound energy into fluctuating light waves", he said, "In this way a light beam instead of a radio beam may be transmitted. The beams are emitted straight up into the sky by a 20-watt fluorescent tube, and an answer may be received on the ground with a radio receiver or a photo-electric cell which transforms any light waves into sound." (Assuming such light waves are modulated. - Ed.) Mr. Thomas said sound wave (radio) transmission had been rejected so that no radio ham could tune in and reply, "I am the little green man from Mars". He said the beam would be visible from only directly above, and a photo-electric cell in line with the light could change the beam back to sound.